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Kevin W. Concannon, Commissioner
Department of Human Services
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

Dear Mr. Concannon:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend Maine's home and community-based services waiver for adults with disabilities, effective January 1, 2001, has been approved. The approved amended waiver pages are enclosed. This amendment has been given control number 0276.90.02.

You asked to amend the approved waiver document service definitions and covered services. Specifically, you requested to delete Mental Health Services and Interpreter Services for the Hearing Impaired as covered waiver services, since they are covered under the State Plan.

You requested the addition of Environmental Modifications as a waiver service with a maximum dollar limit of \$1,500 per consumer per year, and Independent Living Assessment as a waiver service to be provided by a licensed occupational therapist or a licensed physical therapist. It is our understanding from discussion with your staff that the State explores all sources of funding for environmental modifications, and that the State will monitor utilization of this service to determine whether further amendment is necessary.

In addition you have submitted a revised definition of Personal Care Services which deletes "night attendant" and adds to the definition that these services will be covered on an hourly basis or a "live-in" basis. You have also modified the plan development process and the description of Case Management services to reflect the revised function for the multidisciplinary team (MDT), the Assessing Services Agency's responsibility for care plan development, and the Home Care Coordination Agency's responsibility for case management and services coordination.

You also submitted a revised Appendix G for Renewal Years 4 and 5. The following revised Appendix G estimates of cost and utilization in the formula have been approved:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Factor C</u>	x	<u>Factor D</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
4	450	x	\$14,937	=	\$6,721,575
5	475	x	\$15,318	=	\$7,275,992

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Grano at (617) 565-1695.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Jacobs II
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc:

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